



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

September 15, 2026

WORSHIP

September 20
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jonah 3:10-4:11
Emma Vance preaching

September 27
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 21:23-32
Psalm 25:1-9

Lay Worship Leader for September:
Gerald Johnson

Pledge Sunday

By: Tripp Martin

As we gather around the table of communion, we begin and end with gratitude! We begin with gratitude for the grace of God, as it welcomes us to the table, but we also leave with gratitude as we share the grace that sustains us with others. Since we all have a place at the table, and it marks us as a family of faith, we begin and end Pledge Sunday with gratitude as well. It is a gratitude which shapes our stewardship and our commitment to one another.

As we approach Pledge Sunday on October 4, we are grateful for many aspects of this family of faith. We give thanks for its service and support of others. From serving lunch to the city employees, who tend to the streets of Auburn, to supporting our Jeffers Scholars studying for ministry, we celebrate many good things! We are thankful for the Ad Hoc Committee for Outreach exploring ways we can share our story with others. We give thanks for the Mission Committee supporting CBF personnel in Spain, building accessible ramps in Perry County, and planning a tailgate with the Exceptional Foundation. We are also thankful for the Capital Campaign for Organ Renovation.

Our giving has been steady and strong throughout the year, but we remain in a slight deficit year to date. Our property insurance costs have risen, and we face other increased costs. We continue to lean into our budget needs for 2026.

As we pause to give thanks, we consider our commitment to this family of faith for 2027. We encourage each other to give generously and regularly as we celebrate the good things in this place. We also support each other as we all give accordingly to what we are able to give. We begin Pledge Sunday in gratitude for what we have been able to do together, but we also end with gratitude, giving thanks for what is still to come! All the while, we are grateful for the people for which we share the journey of faith.

REMINDERS

Deacon Nominations & Committee on Committees Requests

Deadline is September 15

Email financials@auburnfbc.org to submit names and requests.

Pledge Sunday

October 4

As Pledge Sunday approaches, we reflect on our gifts to the church.

An online pledge card will be emailed September 28.

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Our Mission: Believing the Spirit of God is alive in each one of us and in the world, we affirm that the mission of Auburn First Baptist Church is: to glorify God as the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of life; to call all people to God through Christ as Savior and Lord; to enable all people to be more like Jesus.

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Pledge Sunday

Sunday, October 4, Worship

Pledge Sunday is a time for our congregation to prepare for the ministries and mission of 2027. The church will provide copies of the Preliminary Budget around the church towards the end of September. An Estimate of Giving Card will be emailed to the congregation on Monday, September 28, and a hard copy will be available in the pews of the sanctuary the prior Sunday.

We are invited to consider our giving to the church for 2027, and we are grateful for the ongoing commitment of this congregation as we minister together! ***The link for this is www.auburnfbc.org/Give27.***

If you would like to set up monthly, or regular giving, this can be done online as well.

1. Use the QR code or visit www.auburnfbc.org/online-giving.
2. Click "Give Online," and then choose "Recurring."
3. Select General Fund and designate an amount. (Fill in the information under "Reoccurrence.")
4. Enter your bank account information (or credit card, etc.)

Every gift is meaningful and matters to the ministry of the church!



CHILDREN

Passport Kids

*Brenau University
Gainseville, Georgia
July 11-14, 2027*

Preschool and Children's Choirs (3* year olds – 5th Grade)

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building
We ask that all attendees be potty trained.

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building

JEFFERS SCHOLARS

We are excited to award Anna Parish and Amaia Zugazaga Jeffers Scholarships this year! The Jeffers Scholars are students in seminary from Auburn First Baptist Church. We offer our support and encouragement to them as they make a commitment to their studies. Anna is a student at Campbell Divinity School, and Amaia is studying at BSK Theological Seminary.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Bible Study

*Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
"Fruits of the Spirit"
Led by Tripp Martin
(Not Meeting September 17)*

COLLEGE

Bible Study

*Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
College Room (Activities Building)*

Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

If church members would like to sign up to provide a meal or contribute to its cost, please email frontdesk@auburnfbc.org or call the front desk.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English

*Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.,
Activities Building*

Conversational English classes resumed on Wednesday, August 26 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We will follow that meeting schedule for most of the fall semester. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact David Sutton at suttoda1954@gmail.com.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“To Sing is to Pray Twice:
Words and Music as Offering”

September 20

Led by Leigh Anne Chambliss Armstrong

“Digital Minimalism”

September 27

Led by Tripp Martin

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Seekers Classroom

We are studying the Gospel of John. Email Leah Duzy (lmduzy@gmail.com) if you have any questions. All are welcome!

YOUTH

Passport Missions

*Converse University
Spartanburg, South Carolina
June 13-18, 2027*

Youth Choir

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room*

Youth Sunday Nights

*Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room*

Prayer Breakfast

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m., Panera Bread

BUILDING TOGETHER

AFBC Building Together will partner with Trinity Baptist Church in Madison, AL for an accessibility ramp build in Marion, AL on October 15,16,17. If anyone is interested in this unique opportunity to provide mobility services to Perry County, please contact Mike Bumgardner at 334-329-8025 or email at auburnnow@yahoo.com.

All are welcome for one, two, or all three days.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Thursday

Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday - 15th

Prayer Breakfast	Panera Bread	7:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers Room	6:30 p.m.
College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 16th

Conversational English.....	Activities Building	10:00 a.m.
First Bells.....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 17th

Exceptional Foundation Tailgate	720 E Glenn Ave	5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

No Evening Bible Study

Sunday - 20th

The Round Table.....	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family	Seekers Room	5:00 p.m.
Preschool & Children's Choir	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir.....	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 22nd

College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday - 23rd

Conversational English.....	Activities Building	10:00 a.m.
First Bells.....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 24th

Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
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Sunday - 27th

Preschool & Children's Com. Meeting	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
The Round Table.....	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family	Seekers Room	5:00 p.m.
Preschool & Children's Choir	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir.....	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 29th

College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.
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ORGAN RENOVATION

Capital Campaign

At our Business Meeting on Thursday, August 6, the congregation voted to initiate a Capital Campaign for Organ Renovation. The overall goal for the Capital Campaign is \$140,000, which will update the organ console as well as address metal fatigue in several organ pipes. We have already received about half of the necessary funds. This Capital Campaign is over and above our support of the budget for the general fund. If you would like to contribute to the Capital Campaign, please write Organ Renovation on the memo line. You can also give online. Gifts can be made in memory or in honor of someone. Acknowledgements will be sent for these gifts.

EXCEPTIONAL FOUNDATION

Tailgate with the Exceptional Foundation

*Thursday, September 17, 5:00 p.m.,
Exceptional Foundation
720 E Glenn Ave*

We will host our annual tailgate for the Exceptional Foundation, making crafts and visiting with our friends.

We will meet at the Exceptional Foundation (720 E Glenn Ave, behind Auburn Chamber of Commerce) at 5:00 p.m. and the tailgate begins at 5:30 p.m. It will finish around 7:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please email John Jones, john.jones@mstechnology.com.

We will not have Thursday Night Bible Study at Auburn FBC on this night.

Serving the Month of September

Greeters: Belinda Cantrell-Wright, Julia Morgan, Terry Woodall

Sound & Light: David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Cantini

Visitors: Michael & Julie McClanahan

Serving September 20, 2026

Extended Session: Lynn Eden, DeWayne Purvis, Jay Spiers

Serving September 27, 2026

Extended Session: Emily Wilkins, Emma Vance

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